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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2013 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & Chief Operating Officer | | | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | Symbol SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO [LUV] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2013 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secui | rities A | cquired, Dispose | ed of, or Benef | ficially Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3, | sposed | l of | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2013 | | Code V A | Amount 83,473 (1) | (D) | Price \$ 0 | 409,127 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 596 (2) | I | By ProfitSharing Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,518 | I | By family trust |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | | (Instr. | . 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | Title | or Number | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | of | | |
| | | | | Codo V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Van de Ven Michael G SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE DALLAS, TX 75235-1908

EVP & Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Marilyn R. Post, on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Michael G. Van de Ven

05/17/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - Reflects the exempt acquisition of restricted stock units pursuant to the Southwest Airlines Co. Amended and Restated 2007 Equity
- (1) Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units will vest with respect to one-third of the shares covered thereby annually, beginning on May 15, 2014, and will entitle the reporting person to one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit that vests.
- (2) Holdings reflect exempt transactions under the Issuer's ProfitSharing Plan.

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